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### ENVIRONMENTAL NEWS

#### **DEQ to Sign Cooperative Agreement for the Calcasieu Estuary Bayou d'Inde Site**

BATON ROUGE -- The Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality, PPG Industries and CITGO Petroleum Corporation took another step forward toward the remediation of the Calcasieu Estuary Bayou d'Inde Site. Dr. James Brent, DEQ Assistant Secretary for Environmental Assessment, announced DEQ and the two industries signed a cooperative agreement that will lead to an evaluation of remedial options for the site.

"Today's announcement begins the process of resolving any ecological risk and human health concerns associated with Bayou d'Inde," Brent said. "This successful milestone is the result of the combined efforts of the agency, PPG, and CITGO and that makes this cooperative agreement very significant."

DEQ Secretary Hall Bohlinger sees the agreement as a notable moment in Bayou d'Inde's history. "Protecting and improving this estuary is important to the citizens of the parish and the state," Bohlinger said. "DEQ is committed to working with industry and communities to make the environment safe for all the people in Louisiana."

The agreement will result in the participating parties conducting a Corrective Action Study (CAS) to evaluate remedial options and developing proposed integrated site-specific remediation standards for the Calcasieu Estuary Bayou d'Inde Site. DEQ will oversee the CAS, evaluate proposed remedial standards and encourage public participation throughout the process.

"DEQ will also continue to encourage other parties associated with Bayou D'Inde to participate in this cooperative effort," Brent said. The enforceable agreement is entered into pursuant to the authority vested to DEQ under provisions of the Louisiana Environmental Quality Act.

Bayou d'Inde is more than nine miles long and is located in the northern portion of the Calcasieu Estuary, west of Lake Charles. Its headwaters originate in the western portion of Sulphur, near the Interstate 10 Bridge. Bayou d'Inde flows primarily east-southeast and empties into the Calcasieu River Ship Channel southwest of Coon Island.